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Applicants	Edward Gilbert Shaw, *et al.*
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Title of Application:	Pilot Operated Valve
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Examiner	Gerald A. Michalsky

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed 11 March 2005. Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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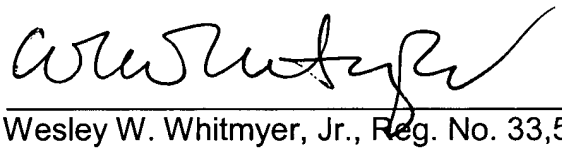
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The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner has identified the following two species: Species A (Figures 1-6) and Species B (Figures 7-10).

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species A (Figures 1-6) at this time. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 13, 29, 31 & 43 are readable on Species A, as all of Claims 4, 13, 29, 31 & 43 require a solenoid (the inclusion of which is the main distinction between Species A and Species B). Claims 5 and 14 relate to species B. All other claims are generic to the two species.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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